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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

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1. ALL ADDRESSEES PASS THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO TENNECO:

THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS DELIVERED TO WILLIAMS EVENING 10
JUNE :

QUOTE

ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
DATE 9-6-74. TO TENNECO COMPANY. THE ELF WERE
SENDING A LETTER DATED 31-5-74 AND IN THAT
LETTER WE WERE REQUESTING TWO THINGS FOR RELEASE
OF THE 5 CONCERNED MEN, BUT UNTIL NOW WE GET NO
REPLY. THEREFORE WE WANT A REPLY FOR EITHER YOU
AGREE OR NOT.

THE HELICOPTER IS IN GOOD CONDITION BUT IF
ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT WANTS TO BRING IT FOR YOU
BY FORCE IT WILL BE VERY HARD TO SEE IT SECOND TIME
TO FLY. AND WE WANT TO INFORM YOU THERE IS
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ETHIOPIAN TROOPS MOVEMENT (BODY GUARDS) FROM

ADDIS TO ASMARA AND SUCH THINGS IS VERY RISKY
FOR THE FIVE PERSONS.

THE EXECUTIVE WANTS TO STUDY THE DISAGREEMENT
BETWEEN TENNECO AND OFFICIAL MESSENGER (IBRAHIM IL
MORGHENY) (1) CLARIFY FOR US THE REAL REASONS OF YOUR
DISAGREEMENT. AND IN YOUR PREVIOUS LETTERS YOU WERE
GIVING US A REASON THAT IBRAHIM DEMANDS
PERSONALLY APPLY, BUT THIS WAS NOT ENOUGH REASON.
IF YOU COULD TO GIVE US ANOTHER REASONS WE COULD
ALSO SOLVE IT FOR BOTH SIDES.

AND SECONDLY TILL OUR OFFICIAL MESSENGER COME
SEND THE REPLY WITH KALIFU OSMAN (IBRAHIM IL MORGHENY
MAN). DATE 9-6-74 THE ELF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

UNQUOTE STAMP OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ERITREAN
LIBERATION FRONT. LETTERS TO EVANGELICAL MISSION WERE
ON PAGES 402 & 403. LETTERS TO TENNECO NUMBERED
404 & 405. BOTH DATED 9-6-74.

2. WILLIAMS RECEIVED LETTER FOR GOVGEN AT SAME TIME
ABOVE MESSAGE DELIVERED. WILLIAMS GAVE MESSAGE TO
REP OF LTCOL BERHANU, G-2, 2ND DIV MORNING 11
JUNE. BERHANU WILL PASS MESSAGE TO GOVGEN AND GIVE WILLIAMS
TRANSLATION LATER TODAY.

3. WILLIAMS REPLIED TO ABOVE LETTER BY SAYING ANSWER
WOULD COME FROM TENNECO IN HOUSTON. ANSWER TO
DEALING WITH MORGHENY WAS PROMISED FOR EVENING 12
JUNE OR MORNING 13 JUNE (LOCAL TIME).

4. PART OF THE BODY GUARD ELEMENT MENTIONED IN ABOVE
LETTER HIT MINE FIELD ON ROAD BETWEEN KEREN AND NACFA
ABOUT 2 JUNE.

5. WHO ORDERED THE BODY GUARD TO MOVE IN
AND WHY? TROOP AND POLICE MOVEMENTS REPORTED IN AREA OF GHINDA
AND KEREN.

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6. MESSENGER THE MISSIONARIES SENT ON 9 JUNE RETURNED
ON 11 JUNE WITH MESSAGE TO SEND IN THE MISSIONARIES
DRIVER WHO IS BETTER BRIEFED ON SITUATION. DRIVER TO
MEET ELF AT 1500 LOCAL TIME TODAY, AT LOCATION OUTSIDE
GHINDA WHERE WYATT LANDED HELICOPTER. WILLIAMS THINKS
HELICOPTER HAS SUFFICIENT FUEL TO FLY FROM ESTIMATED LOCATION
(AFABED) TO ASMARA.
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